

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,

76 Main Street

Dubuque

Dubuque County

Iowa

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**Site Location:** 76 Main Street  
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa  
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 5.20  
Cadastral grid : SE1/4 NE1/4 S25 T89N R2E  
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'  
UTM coordinates: 15.691970.4707170  
Lot dimensions : 43'x 113': .11 acre  
Lot description: West 1/2 of Lots 4 and 5  
Block 1 of Dubuque Harbor  
Company Addition

**Present Owner:** David J. Herbst  
**Present Usage:** automotive service shop  
**Present Condition :** fair

**Overall Dimensions:** 43'x 107', 1 story  
**Orientation:** west  
**Architectural** Plan type : 1-story rectangle.  
**Description :** Foundation: (below grade)  
Structure : brick masonry bearing walls with steel clear-span roof trusses.  
Ext. walls: wire brushed brick laid in running bond.  
Roof : flat composition roof with brick parapet wall.  
Chimneys : none  
Openings : three garage door bays on front, with infill wood siding, windows and entrance door; three large rear windows infilled with concrete blocks.  
Details : none

**Construction Date :** 1922

**Architecture Style:** Brick box

**Physical History :** Built sometime between 1921 and 1923 on the site of at least two previous structures, this single-story brick building has housed several small-scale commercial tenants, including the Tri-State Products Company, the Ira Smith Cafe, the Pure Test Oil Company, the McDougal Motor Company, the Midway Roller Rink, the Tischhauser Motor Company and the Vallet Poultry Company. The Herbst Upholstery and Auto Finishing shop currently operates in the building. Given the wide range of tenants, the building has undoubtedly undergone extensive alterations, but their extent is unclear.

**Significance:** Though altered extensively, this modest single-story building is significant as a contributing element in Dubuque's southside commercial district.

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